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Title: EXCHANGE DECOUPLED COBALT/NOBLE METAL PERPENDICULAR
 RECORDING MEDIA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Background of the Invention:

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On page 1, please delete paragraph 0001 and replace it with the following:

[0001] This application is based on provisional patent application Serial No. 60/258,790,
filed December 29, 2000.

We would also like to bring to your attention that the title on the Declaration on Form

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PTO/SB/01 (03-10) (DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION)
is incorrect and should read -- EXCHANGE DECOUPLED COBALT/NOBLE METAL
PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA -- .